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**From:** Walton, Alexander  
**Sent:** Monday, April 24, 2017 12:18 PM  
**To:** staci.meyer@ncdcr.gov  
**Subject:** Milam Tort Claim  
**Attachments:** Settlement Authority Req.docx

Staci,

Attached, please see the settlement authority authorization memo.

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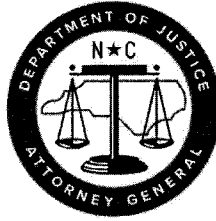
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**Settlement Authority Request**  
**Confidential Attorney Work Product**

**RE: Ethel Milam v. North Carolina Zoological Park**  
**TA-20687**

The above referenced claim is a personal injury claim in which the Plaintiff was allegedly injured after being thrown from a tram while visiting the North Carolina Zoo. The incident occurred on June 13, 2005 and at the time the Plaintiff was 63 y/o. The tram in which she was riding on was rented from and operated by Zoo staff. After being thrown from the tram, she landed on her left shoulder with the tram landing on top of her. As a result of her injuries, she underwent medical treatment including right shoulder surgery, steroidal injections, physical therapy, and various other treatments. Plaintiff contends that she incurred approximately \$75,000.00 in medical expenses related to this incident. Traveler's has accepted the claim and currently has \$96,000.00 in reserve to settle the claim. In light of the foregoing, settlement authority in the amount of \$96,000.00 is requested.

Sincerely,

Alexander G. Walton  
Assistant Attorney General

Approved by:

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Melody Hairston  
Special Deputy, Section Head

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Date

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Date

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**From:** Meyer, Staci T <staci.meyer@ncdcr.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:51 AM  
**To:** Walton, Alexander  
**Subject:** Re: Milam Tort Claim

Alex:

You may proceed with the settlement. We authorize the amount you requested. I believe it was 96k. I'm out of the office and will sign and return the document when I get back in. Please use this as approval until then.  
Staci

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**From:** Walton, Alexander <AWalton@ncdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:07:55 AM  
**To:** Meyer, Staci T  
**Subject:** RE: Milam Tort Claim

Hi Staci,

Following up on my email. Thanks

Alex

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